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Nathan Rogers and his band perform several Stan Rogers hits at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. See full story and photos on page 11.

Two dogs poisoned in Glebe Park area

By Matthew Desrosiers

Two dogs have been diagnosed with antifreeze poisoning in the last week after visiting Glebe Park with their owners.

Dr. Joan Grant, a veterinarian at Haliburton Veterinary Services, said the first dog came in Nov. 15 after spending the morning in the park. The second dog, a labrador-shepherd cross, was brought in Nov. 17.

"That's just such a coincidence to have two dogs within a 48-hour stretch," she said. "We get a few a year, but usually people know what happened. We can usually trace it."

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were contacted to investigate the issue to ensure it was an accident and the dogs were not intentionally poisoned. Grant said it's hard to imagine a source of antifreeze from an accidental spill, for example, that is sufficient to poison two dogs.

In a media release dated Nov. 20, the OPP said their investigators believed the dogs were in fact poisoned in Glebe Park, but did not have any further information.

Tamara Wilbee, chief administrative officer (CAO) with the Municipality of Dysart et al, said in an e-mail that the grounds

around the college, sculpture forest, field and museum had been searched and nothing was found.

In her e-mail, Wilbee asked dog owners to keep their pets on a leash in public parks. She also asked property owners to check around their homes and outbuildings for any sources of antifreeze, as it is a natural attractant.

Grant said normally, if dogs are able to find a source of antifreeze, they will often consume enough to do serious damage, as it tastes sweet.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Dysart et al firefighters monitor a blaze at Direct Pellet in Haliburton as part of a training exercise.

Firefighters scout 'high-hazard' site

By Matthew Desrosiers

Firefighters from the Dysart et al department gathered on Kennaway Road to watch a fire burn late into the night on Nov. 19.

But this wasn't an ordinary call. This time, the firefighters actually started the blaze.

Direct Pellet, a manufacturer of high-quality wood pellets, had accumulated a large pile of waste wood from the community.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan said the department was contacted to help burn the pile. He also saw it as an opportunity to train his firefighters.

"We do site visits, probably at least six or seven a year to different sites," Maughan said. "Usually it's more the residential, apartments, hospitals, those types of sites."

Because Direct Pellet works with saw dust, which is highly flammable, Maughan said it was a site that was identified as a

possible hazard.

"Whenever we get a chance, we try to scout out some of the potential sites where we may have to go," he said. "That's a high-hazard area and a high-hazard product they're producing. When you get sawdust getting processed, just one spark and you can have an explosion."

While Maughan stayed back to watch the fire, the firefighters were given a tour of the building in the event they have to enter it during an emergency call. They also identified a source of water on the property where they could lay their lines to pump water.

"You need a lot of water to fight a fire like that," Maughan said. "If you're going to be sending somebody in to save somebody, you've got to have water available. Every minute helps."

He said the scouting could save firefighters precious time setting up to fight a blaze at the plant. Those few moments saved could be the difference between life and death.

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Highlander news

Council green-lights library

By Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce is front and centre thanks to a new project that will replace the community's run-down library.

Highlands East councillors approved, in principle subject to a final contract when pricing is made available, the construction of a new, 2,000 sq.-ft. sustainable library located on Block B in Wilberforce at a special meeting of council on Nov. 19.

The project is a joint effort with Sir Sandford Fleming College's sustainable building design program. If the project is given the final go-ahead, the 20-week construction period would begin April 8, with the building complete by Aug. 20.

Ward 1 councillor Steven Kauffeldt, who also chairs the Housing and Grants committee, said his group has been working on this project since last spring.

"We saw this project and decided we'd put our name on the list," he said.

Last week, council met with the college after receiving approval of their application. As part of the agreement, the municipality will cover the cost of all site preparation and materials. In exchange, the college provides labour and the finished building.

Currently the costs associated with this project are not finalized. Estimates range from \$140 to \$160 per sq.-ft., which would be \$280,000 to \$320,000. In addition, there would be costs associated with hooking the building up to municipal water, a septic system and landscaping.

Joan Barton, Ward 4 councillor, said she's positive council will be able to find grants to help mitigate the cost.

"I can't think of a more worthy project for a grant program."

The community's existing library is 700 sq.-ft.

"It has inherent structural flaws that can't be fixed," Barton said. "It cannot be made accessible. That has two ramifications.

One, it's something we feel in our gut is morally wrong, in the sense we know we have a large elderly population in this area and we also have people who have a disability and we are denying them the use of their local library. It's also something which will eventually force the closure of

that building."

Current provincial accessibility legislation will ultimately force the closure of the building, she said.

"It's not a case of us deciding whether or not we want to replace the Wilberforce library. We are going to be forced to close the Wilberforce library."

Through this project, the community will not only receive a new and improved library, but one that is sustainable and should reduce operating costs in the future. Kauffeldt said those savings can't be overestimated.

"This is a cost we will have to pay for the rest of our lives," he said. "Electricity only goes up. Heating only goes up."

While he is concerned about the cost of the project, he said not only will it save money in the long run, but it will become a centerpiece for the community.

"This is the kind of thing that wins awards," he said. "This is the kind of thing that really stirs the pot and gets people looking. Why shouldn't Highlands East have something that the rest of the world looks at and goes, 'Hmm, look what they did.'"

He said it will also help clarify some misconceptions about sustainable buildings.

"We can't build buildings the way we used to. We can't do it because we can't afford it. I know this is a massive price tag, but in the long run you'll see some cost savings and it could be a tourist draw."

"We'll have a wonderful space for kids and for Highlands East."

Some design elements will include an engineered roof to allow for solar panels in the future, radiant floor heating and an archway to make it easy to build an addition in the future without having to make structural modifications.

Now that the project is approved in principle, Kauffeldt will return to the Housing and Grants committee and start looking into possible grant programs. He should have something to present to council for their December meeting, he said.

Council got the ball rolling on the project by approving the re-zoning of Block B to institutional to accommodate the library.

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Editorial opinion

Right foot forward

Highlands East has taken a step in the right direction by approving a new sustainable library project in Wilberforce.

Replacing their old library was a no-brainer. The building had major flaws, primarily the inability to make it accessible for elderly or disabled residents. Ontario legislation would have forced the closure of the building anyway.

So when the opportunity to partner with Sir Sandford Fleming College came along, council took fate into their own hands and agreed to go ahead with the project.

The price tag? While no hard numbers are in yet, estimates are upwards of \$300,000.

That's not chump change.

Some people will argue a brand new, \$300,000 sustainable building isn't necessary for the little village of Wilberforce's library. They've made do with a 700 sq.-ft. building for this long, why jump to 2,000 sq.-ft.?

The answer is two-fold.

To start, the building is designed to be sustainable. That means that the building will use as little energy as possible to run month over month. That equates to big savings, both in terms of the environment and the municipality's pocketbook.

It's not uncommon for buildings like this to significantly outperform 'regular' buildings of similar sizes. What the sustainable building costs to operate in a year can equate to a single month in its counterpart.

That's significant.

The second reason this project is a good

thing for Highlands East is the prestige of being the proud owner of a state-of-the-art facility such as this.

Small communities around the province will look to the new library as an example of what they can do with the right planning and opportunity. It's a project that will be profiled in local media such as *The Highlander*, but will also make its way throughout the provincial media and bring attention to the municipality.

Sustainability is a hot topic in the province these days. Governments want their buildings to cost as little as possible to maintain and operate as energy costs continue to rise. So, when a new sustainable project comes up, people take notice.

This project will put Wilberforce on the map, and give council the opportunity to build around this centrepiece. They already have their community gardens next door.

Each sustainable project tries to be more innovative than the last. Designers go so far as to plant grass on the roof and use animals to maintain said grass. With no firm plans yet for the Wilberforce library, it could be exciting to see what the designers come up with.

Highlands East council jumped at the opportunity to put this feather in their cap, and they were right to do so.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Photo of the week

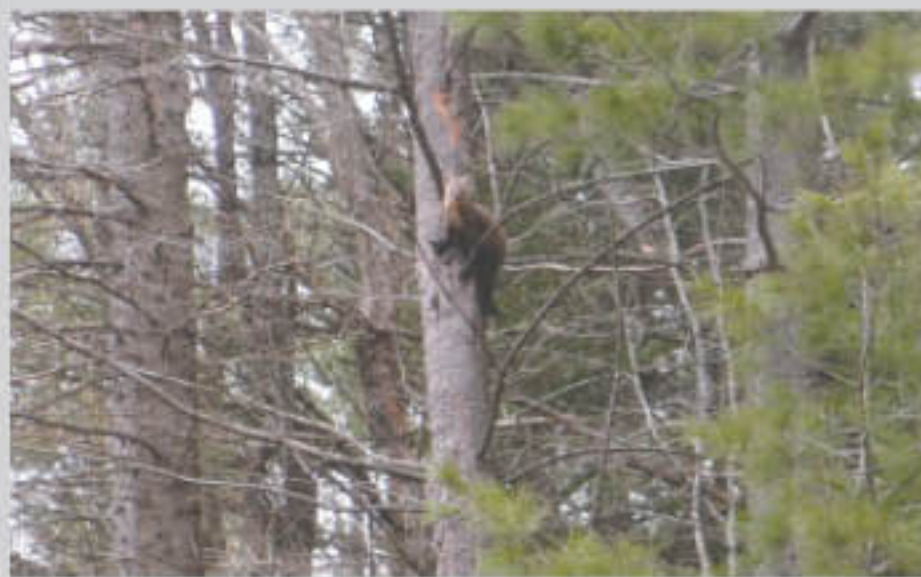


Photo by Oliver Zielke

A Pine Marten is spotted near Gates Road.

Mysteries abound

Mysteries abound in the Highlands. For example, it's a mystery to me how weeds the size of palm trees grow happily on my deck while tomatoes and cucumbers will succumb within five minutes to a merciless, untreatable fungus.

Also a mystery is how, on a recent night out at a local restaurant, the server not once asked if any of us would like another drink. We were a party of ten, and at roughly five bucks a beer that works out to fifty dollars per round; the server's lack of curiosity (some would say laziness — it was not a busy night) easily lost the proprietor a couple of hundred bucks, money that might have gone to paying her wages. As for the inedible food, I chalk that up to another of my pet peeves: restaurants that have decided actual cooking is passé. Word of advice: people soon figure out it's a lot cheaper to buy frozen chicken strips at the supermarket.

And it's a mystery how in some shops you'll be approached within seconds by someone asking if you need help, while in others you could set yourself on fire without having to worry about being disturbed, at least until the flames start to damage the merchandise.

Enter the mystery shopper and tourism ambassador programs, each designed to help businesses succeed through delivering better customer service. Great idea, but an incomplete one.

The problem with these programs isn't just that they're voluntary. It's that, much like restaurants that don't cook, they have no substance. It's kabuki theatre: the county and OHTO pretend to provide information and training, and we pretend it makes a difference.

Good customer service is a lot more than smiling and saying hello. It involves listening carefully, accurately fulfilling requests, solving complaints respectfully and making customers feel valued. Equally important is the effect of customer service on the bottom line: are servers and sales people effectively up-selling, asking if you'd like dessert before slapping down the cheque or if you'd like brushes with that paint you're buying? Is the business making the most from its customer base and contact list? Are the hours and

location appropriate and convenient? Is the company delivering the most important element of success, namely doing what customers expect, and doing it well?

These are all skills. They can't be dropped off in a binder; they have to be taught and learned. That takes time and a certain level of seriousness.

When I worked at a bank, customer service training involved three days of role-playing and presentations. Those lessons are still with me, twenty-five years later. In contrast, our ambassador induction was a ten-minute chat which seemed focused mostly on how to give directions to lost tourists.

Ok, so we might not have the money for fancy courses, but let's not re-heat a pita pocket and call it beef Wellington.

The effort is, however, a good start. And those who say mystery shoppers need an invitation should remind themselves that county and OHTO programs are not free services for business. They're intended to boost the economy as a whole by awakening us all to the ultimately financial benefits of good customer service skills, specifically more income for businesses and more jobs for everyone else. Obviously you cannot awaken those who are already fully conscious; restricting information or reviews to volunteer businesses therefore makes no sense.

There's nothing wrong with going into establishments at random, sending the proprietors a report and letting them decide whether to act on it. That's not government dictating to business, it's valuable feedback with no obligations. Big companies pay a lot for that kind of information.

The mystery shopper and ambassador programs would both benefit from remembering some old but valid clichés: first that you get out what you put into it; and second, that there's no use preaching to the converted. Following that wisdom would be a good first step in solving the ultimate mystery — how to grow the Highlands economy.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Beware propaganda

Dear editor,

Without doubt the media has a huge influence in swaying the perceptions of the general public. How facts are presented either in the wording of the press release, or by presenting only a portion of the issue, opinions are inflamed.

Propaganda has been a political tactic for decades and the Liberal party is quick to employ this scheme to its advantage. I am outraged to repeatedly hear radio/television reports stating education workers are balking over wage freezes. To the misinformed, it seems petty and produces little public support for teachers and support staff. Add to that the hint that children's safety could be compromised and there is immediate public outcry.

The truth of the matter is that in response to the Liberal government's stripping of all school board workers' democratic rights to freely negotiate their collective agreements, a province-wide fight back against legislative attacks is in progress. Bill 115 gives unprecedented power to the Minister of Education to interfere in all collective agreements in the education sector. It also sets out conditions which must be included in our collective agreements. The wage freeze has been well-publicized but this bill also contains, among other things, unpaid days of work! It also gives the Minister of Education the power to review, approve or rewrite any collective agreement, or any provision of our

agreements in the next two years. However, it is widely speculated that this two-year restraint bill will remain in effect as long as there is a deficit. This law takes away our right to free collective bargaining.

In the past week, progress reports have been taken home by the students and all parents have been given opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss their child's progress. I hope parents take time to appreciate all of the overtime hours that have been spent to prepare for these. I would venture to say that there may not be any other Canadian profession that volunteers so freely of its time, whether it is lesson preparation, marking and evaluations, coaching and supervising at school events. These free services, given for the love of the children and their betterment, seem to have been taken for granted as part of the job description. The Ministry and board may try to discredit this honourable profession but I am sure the truth will prevail.

May I suggest that a thank you be expressed to your child's teacher in support of what they do in your school and of their fight to uphold the constitutional rights we all enjoy? Collective bargaining is one of the cornerstones of the labour movement. It is a right earned after generations of struggle.

Faith Aggett
Minden

Coats for Kids support

Dear editor,

The Coats for Kids campaign has come to a close and we would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of warm clothing for families in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton and Minden Lions Clubs were overwhelmed by the number of donations and consequently many, many families will have a warmer winter this year.

We want to thank Keith and Francis Burns for entrusting Lions with this endeavour. We also want to thank Lindsay Cleaners for cleaning all the clothing again this year.

Thanks also go to the many businesses for collecting the clothing and Canoe FM, Haliburton United Church and Minden Lions Hall for being our pick-up locations.

Also thank you to Canoe FM and Moose FM for the many free promotional spots.

Coordinators,
Marilyn and Jim Frost, Haliburton Lions Club
Paul and Fwin Norry, Minden Lions Club.

Tell us your opinion

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Cancelling summer ice in Minden not good for business

Dear editor,

Last week's edition included a story about the cancellation of summer ice in Minden.

In the story it is suggested that I made that recommendation in a report I presented to council on January 26, 2012. The report is available at www.mindenhills.ca, and was written in response to direction from certain members of council that summer ice should be discontinued for 2012. The recent recommendations from current Township staff draw on information I presented in January, but that information is out of context. I assure you that in January I was convinced that the summer ice program is a good business for Minden Hills to be in. I am still of that opinion, and saddened that it may not continue.

I am surprised that council is considering abandoning a viable, growing business opportunity and blithely ceding that

economic activity and exposure to Haliburton. We are told that the Economic Development Committee is preparing a marketing campaign to attract new businesses to Minden Hills. It is ironic that at the same time, this council is forcing the relocation of an existing, growing, unique local business (Haliburton Hockey Haven) that this past summer grew 50 per cent over the summer before, and brought over 200 participants plus their families to Minden Hills from places as far away as the Middle East. There were nearly 30 participants in curling camps and more than 80 youth 4-on-4 hockey players. Summer ice brought them off the highway and through the downtown, something which decision after decision, the leadership of this council seems willing to discourage.

This decision is being made without consultation with the Township's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, which, like all of the Advisory Committees, was created

by this council to seek input from the broader community in situations like this. I'm sure that it is too late to put this horse back in the barn, but I hope that those responsible for continually making decisions with far-reaching impact on Minden's businesses and the employment they provide (especially when those affected have no opportunity to comment) are eventually held to account. I hope that when that does happen, it is not too late for Minden to recover the ground it has lost.

I remain a taxpayer in Minden Hills and will be for the foreseeable future. I hope that the leadership of this council will one day start supporting success.

Rick Cox
Minden

The Outsider — Bow wow wow and a bottle of rum

Shorty, Whitey and Happy Larry didn't seem interested in the kill bottle; nowhere near as interested as Hawkeye, Jimmy Misalot and the Barber.

Tis deer hunting season my friends, and, while the hunters take their craft very seriously they do like to let their hair down after a successful day's hunt. Hence the kill bottle, a 50-ounce rum-filled monster that is cracked open after dealing with the dead deer and wolfing down a huge dinner topped off by a heart attack inducingly sweet dessert.

But why no rum for Shorty, Happy Larry and Whitey?

Come to think of it, Snoopy, George, Honest Joe, Blondie and Jet didn't bother with a tippie either. Why I wondered: probably because they were far more keen on a bowl of chow and the comforts of a cosy kennel after a day of racing through the woods.

Kindly invited by the Barber, whom I have come to view as guide and mentor in the arts of bush craft, I eagerly accepted the chance to go along as a spectator on a deer hunt. To spend a few days out in the glorious countryside that you Haliburtonians often label simply as 'bush'. To experience a tradition dating back to a time before the first settlers. To test my mettle and see whether I had it in me to witness death at close range.

However, other hurdles presented themselves as I sat in camp that first night.

Following a whirlwind introduction, the barber pointing in

turn to 15 or so gruff looking characters: "Lou, John, Tom, Jimmy Misalot, Mark, Rex, Dirty Doug..." I was handed a large glass of rum and coke and told to find a seat. The next three hours were a blur. Not because of copious amounts of rum, nor the speed of movement in the room (big old guys tend to move slowly after a day in the bush). The blur was the conversation, the multitude of names and hunting terminology! Were they talking about hunting buddies absent or present? Were they referring to the dogs sleeping outside? Where were Howard's Cabin, Nelson's Marsh, the Old Camp Grounds, the Pietersen? What was meant by a 30-06, a .222, 303, an over and under or semi-automatic? Was Happy Larry the guy I was sitting next to or the beagle in the second kennel from the left?

I sat dumbstruck by the conversation, awestruck by the names and terminology being barked across the smoke-filled room, confused and amused at just how out of my depth I had once again landed myself.

After a few hours of this education into hunting life, which had been liberally spattered with in-jokes, expletives and exaggeration, I was informed that George, Snoopy and Jet would be joining us on the Cuthbert hunt the following morning. And then everyone went to bed. It was just past nine o'clock.

The gas-powered generator fired up at 5 a.m., waking me from a troubled slumber: a sleep disturbed by snoring,

farts and dreams of getting lost in a critter-crowded wilderness. Coffee was followed by a hearty breakfast and another coffee, then it was outside into the still starry morning and off to the hunting grounds.

Two hours and a lot of walking later a dog started to bark; it was on the scent of a deer.

Bowwow wooww wooww...

BANG! A shot rang out and then silence. Moments later the radio crackled into life: "Deer down," said an excited voice and off we went to the scene of the kill.

It was only then that I realized why I'd been invited along. Muggins here was deer dragger #1 and soon the 150 lb animal felt like 500 lbs as I struggled with it through swamps, up hills and through thick bush, the Barber offering words of encouragement all the way.

That night, while George, Snoopy and Jet tucked happily into their chow I availed myself of the kill bottle. I may not be a fully-fledged hunter yet but Shorty, Dirty Doug, Blondie, Lou, the Barber and the rest of my smirking sidekicks had made me work like one so I was helping myself!

Hold on a minute. Did I say Shorty? Hmm, was he hound or human? I don't recall. I'll just have to go back next year to find out.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What do you want for Christmas?



Judy Turney

Eagle Lake

Nothing I don't already have! I have five kids, a husband of 54 years and nine grandkids.



Kim Ross

Haliburton

I would love for people to celebrate the birth of Jesus, which is what Christmas is all about.



Julie Goodwin

Minden

I want to be together with my family, which I know I am already getting.

Jamie Warham

Kushog Lake

I would like the WWE 13 video game for the Wii.



George Starr

Haliburton

All I want is for my customers to be happy and excited about my new store!



New dog pound for Algonquin Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved a dog pound contract with the Bracebridge location of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) following closure of its Huntsville facility.

The agreement involves a new fee structure, Angie Bird, chief administrative officer, told councillors at the Nov. 15 meeting.

"We normally pay \$1,200 to the Huntsville facility a year for that agreement," said Bird. "That's regardless of if we take any dog there or 25 dogs there. This is a bit different where it's based on per animal that we take there. So it's \$300 per dog."

Bird estimated that over the last few years only

two or three animals have been taken to the pound, so the agreement will work out better for the township.

Under the agreement the township will make monthly equivalent payments for the first 12 months, with the monthly amount increased on each anniversary date by the Consumer Price Index for the prior year.

The township will be responsible for any veterinary fees required before the dog can be transported to the OSPCA. The township will also be responsible for any medical care given to the dog by the OSPCA during a 72-hour holding period if the dog's owner is unknown.

After the holding period the OSPCA has the right to dispose of the dog.

The agreement takes effect Dec. 1.

OPP investigates poisonings

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"It doesn't take a lot," she said. "Unless the antidote is given within the first few hours from the time they notice the [symptoms]... the kidneys will be irreparably damaged and they'll die of kidney failure."

Some of the symptoms to look out for include the dog acting drunk, being wobbly on their feet or being excessively tired or sleepy. While inducing vomiting is good, most often the poison has already been absorbed, she said.

"There is an antidote, but it has to be given intravenously, 12 hours apart for four treatments," Grant said. "It's very expensive and it's not an easy, quick fix."

Both dogs received the treatment in time to save their lives, she said.

The OPP urge anyone with more information to come forward and contact them at 1-888-310-1122. For those who wish to remain anonymous, they can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit their tips at www.khcs.ca.



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Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton resident Mike Jaycock colours in his adopted acre on a map of the Dahl Forest.

Adopt and protect an acre of land this Christmas

By Mark Arike

It's the perfect way to leave your mark on the Dahl Forest.

This holiday season, you can help protect this 500-acre piece of property by securing an acre for \$50 or half an acre for \$25 through the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Secure An Acre campaign.

On Nov. 19 at the Land Trust's office, some of the first donors selected their slice of the land by colouring in a square on a map.

"It's a piece of immortality," said Lorraine McNeil, a Minden resident who purchased an acre in memory of her mother Cecelia.

Local real estate agent Lee Gauthier also purchased an acre.

"I'm looking forward to spreading this out," said Gauthier. "Having this biodiversity preserved is important to people who come here to buy a home or cottage."

Located in Gelert, the Dahl Forest was

donated to the Land Trust in 2009 by the Dahl family so that it could be protected for future generations.

After receiving grants from the Winterfest Legacy fund and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' Species at Risk Stewardship fund, the Land Trust installed signage to help visitors find their way around the reserve's network of trails. However, those trails require regular maintenance and there are other bills that must be paid in order to ensure the property is protected in perpetuity.

Those who adopt an acre receive a thank you card with a photo of the Dahl Forest. The card includes a map, which is marked into acre grids. Those who wish to personally choose their acre can do so at the Land Trust's office, located at 739 Mountain Street in Haliburton.

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Home raffle sweeps into Lake Lorraine

New dwellings on the rise in Highlands East

By Matthew Desrosiers

Tory Hill, a hamlet in the Municipality of Highlands East, has been chosen as a location for one of the Princess Margaret Welcome Home Sweepstakes's dream homes.

Located on Lake Lorraine, excavation has already begun on the new home.

"It's just starting now," said Randy Dunsmore, chief building official and bylaw officer for Highlands East. "They've cleared the site."

Every year, the sweepstakes awards a number of dream homes to contest winners. This year's homes are in Collingwood, Muskoka, Oakville and downtown Toronto. The results of the contest will be published in the *Toronto Star* on Dec. 6.

"It is kind of neat, actually," he said. "They have open houses every year for these homes, so people can go in and view them. They are fully furnished and everything."

Dunsmore said the cottage, just short of 1,000 sq.-ft., will be ready in time for next year's sweepstakes, but he is not sure whether it will be part of the 2013 or 2014 lottery.

The contest's high-profile should have a positive impact for Highlands East, he said.

"Quite likely a lot of people [will be] going to the website to look at the various packages that are part of the lottery. They'll see [our] name."

Not that Highlands East is in need of more

publicity to continue its growth, if new dwelling numbers are to be believed.

In a council meeting on Nov. 13, Dunsmore reported to councillors that new dwellings constructed in Highlands East in 2012 were up considerably over previous years.

Dunsmore reported 35 new dwellings were started this year compared to only 27 in 2011. However, those numbers didn't reflect additional dwellings that were getting started later this year.

"There should be more coming in," he said. "We've been getting some phonecalls."

As of press time, Dunsmore said the number of new dwellings was up to 39 and he expected to break 40.

"It is significant for us. These are full dwellings."

Some of the dwellings are from former seasonal residents who retired in Highlands East. They demolished their smaller cottages and built permanent homes on the same property, he said.

"It's not going to create employment," Dunsmore said. "It might bring a little bit more activity to the area because they are permanent residents [now]."

The new dwellings are scattered throughout the municipality in no discernible pattern.

"The dwelling numbers are up, certainly," Dunsmore said. "I don't know whether there's any other reason for it other than people starting to move up here to retire. I don't know how long it is going to last. This could be just a spike in the Highlands East economy."

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2. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay 🇨🇦
3. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
4. *The Perfect Hope* by Nora Roberts
5. *The Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story* by Arnold Schwarzenegger
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Nora Roberts is back with her final tale in the *Inn Boonsboro* saga and it has quickly become one of our most popular titles.

In *The Perfect Hope*, the Montgomery brothers and their eccentric mother are breathing new life into the town of Boonsboro, Maryland, by restoring its historic hotel. The brothers are finding romance all along the way and this time it is Ryder's turn.

Ryder is tough-as-nails, surly and unsociable, but when he straps on a tool belt, no woman can resist his handsome swagger – except apparently Hope Beaumont. Hope is a sophisticated and accomplished city girl who is currently employed as the hotel's innkeeper. She is in the midst of trying to escape her past – namely a sleazy ex-boyfriend – and romance is definitely the last thing on her mind. That is, until her vulnerable side stirs up longing within Ryder. But is she too far beyond his grasp?

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Library News

We're running children's programming on Saturday mornings at the Minden branch. Stop by at 10 a.m. for stories, games, crafts – free fun!

Orchestra makes Highlands overture

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra tested the waters on their own for the first time on Nov. 18.

The group of players came together for their first performance last spring, when they played two pieces in the wind ensemble concert.

Dan Manley, Highlands Chamber Orchestra conductor, said the group decided on what pieces to play in their first solo performance based on the parts.

"There's lots of music to play," he said. "The two things we think about are woodwinds and strings."

Of all the pieces performed on Sunday, Manley said he was most excited about the finale.

"It's a really big, grand piece."

The orchestra consists of a wide range of talent, from experienced players who have performed in orchestras before, to musicians who are new to their art.

"Some of them are just super brand new, picking up an instrument for the first time,

especially in the strings," Manley said. "The winds are a little more experienced with the wind ensembles up here."

Back in the spring, the orchestra came together, after six years of planning, more as an experiment than anything, he said.

"We did only two pieces and it was just sort of an experiment to see if we could actually do this. Do we have enough string players and interest in the winds? Could this work?"

The answer was yes. The board met up a week later and decided to go for it.

"There's no lack of things for people to do, and we tried to fit this into a time where we could all meet every week."

Now that their first two performances have been successful, and they've shown they can do it on their own, Manley has big plans for the orchestra's future.

"We're talking about different collaborations with choirs up here, doing opera excerpts, overtures with a couple of signers and doing some choruses," he said.

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra hopes to perform two concerts a year.

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Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arke

Above: Nathan Rogers, son of the late Canadian folk legend Stan Rogers, talks about his father's life outside of music.

Right: Local performer Sheri Hawkins warms up the crowd.



Nathan Rogers carries on his father's musical legacy

By Mark Arke

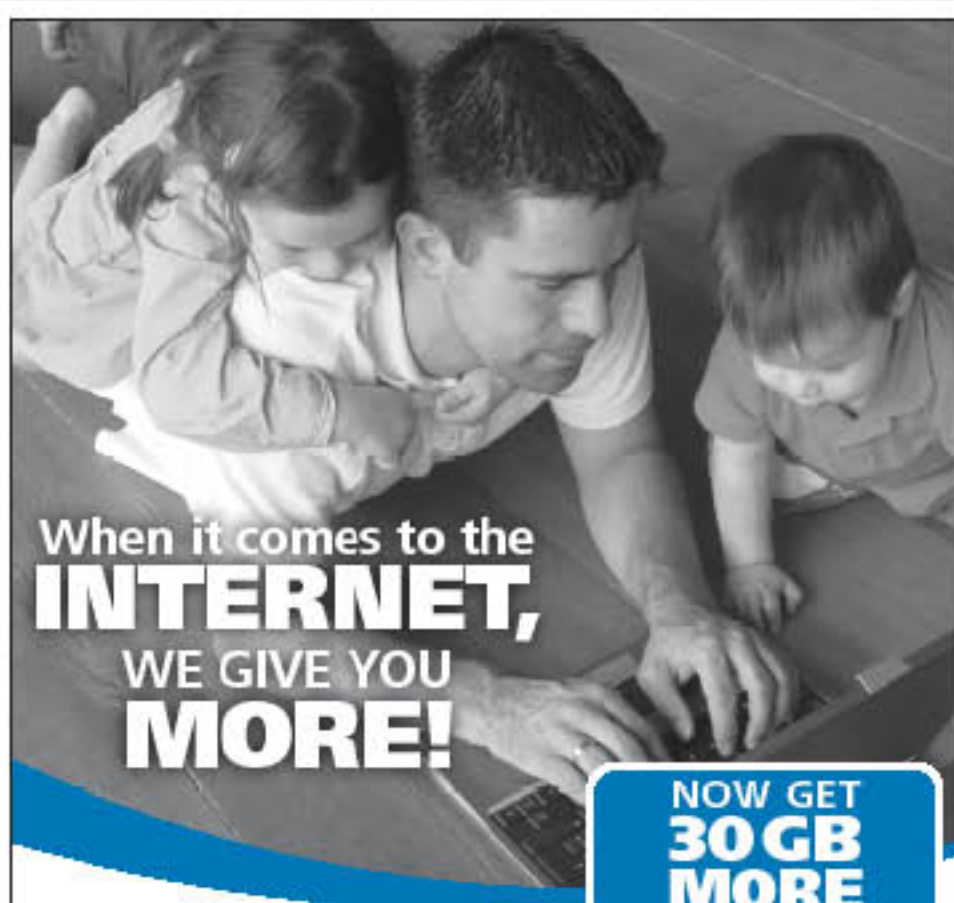
He received several standing ovations.

Many people in attendance said that if they just closed their eyes they could swear they were listening to the late Canadian folk artist Stan Rogers.

On Nov. 19 at The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, concert-goers had

the rare opportunity to witness Rogers's son Nathan perform many of his father's timeless classics in a show titled "Nathan Sings Stan: The Rogers Legacy Continues."

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Highlander sports



Photo by Warren Riley

'B' champions Hespeler's #66 gets a breakaway against the CYO Durham Crusaders. Unfortunately for the Storm, they did not make it to the championship game.

Storm sputters in McKechnie Fall Classic

By Warren Riley

Despite a valiant effort, the Highland Storm Novice couldn't get it done this past weekend at the Walt McKechnie Fall Classic, hosted in Wilberforce at the Keith Tallman Arena.

The Storm set their goals high but Lady Luck wasn't on their side.

In their first game against the Georgina Blaze, the Storm's Colin Glecoff scored with 1:47 left in the first period assisted by Nick Phippen. An unfortunate change of events led the Blaze to score five unanswered goals, ending the game 5-1 for the Blaze.

Game two was played against the CYO Durham Crusaders, which became demoralizing for the Storm. The first period saw the Crusaders on the scoreboard with a goal. In the

second period, the Crusaders scored once again. A goal by Glecoff, once again assisted by Phippen, put the Storm on the board. Phippen put another tally on the board, unassisted, but the Crusaders roared back with three more goals putting them ahead 5-2 going into the third. In the last period, the Crusaders scored three unanswered goals making the final score 8-2.

The Storm's tournament hopes were looking dim after dropping their first two games.

The third Round Robin game for the Storm was against the Collingwood Blackhawks.

The Blackhawks scored first and kept going with three more unanswered goals in the third period to make the final score 4-0. Although Storm goalie Damon Harriss allowed four goals to enter his net, his performance was exemplary. Harriss

stellar abilities stopped many breakaways and one-on-one opportunities by the Blackhawks.

Losing all three games in the Round Robin was disappointing for the Storm but their determination and fortitude prevailed going into the Finalist D game.

In Sunday's finalist game, the Highland Storm were up against the Port Carling Thunder. The Storm got on the board first with a goal by Phippen assisted by Glecoff and Kyan Hall. But an aggressive counter-attack paid off for the Thunder, resulting in four goals and a 4-1 win. Any chance for a Fall Classic victory had been lost.

Overall, the Highland Storm put a tremendous effort into their games, but it unfortunately wasn't enough to clinch the championship.

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Highlander sports

Midget 'BB' girls fall short in Barrie tournament

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Midget 'BB' girls' hockey team travelled to Barrie this weekend to participate in the Barrie Sharkfest Tournament.

The girls were in a strong pool facing off against teams from outside their regular loop of league play. Friday evening the Storm girls took on the aggressive and chippy Zorra Fusion team from the Waterloo area. Zorra played an extremely physical game which made our Storm squad dig and battle hard in this almost full-contact tilt. An exhausting effort fell a little short as the game ended 2-1 in favour of the Fusion.

Cassidy Garbutt was the lone Storm scorer off a wicked feed from Erin Little early in the third period. The tight-checking Zorra team shut down all efforts the Storm tried to generate.

On Saturday, the Storm took on the talented (provincial, league and international silver stick champions) Walkerton Capitals in the first game of the early morning. Numerous bad bounces and opportunistic goals frustrated the Storm girls in the 5-1 loss. Alicia McLean sniped a beauty short-side, low blocker

wrist that beat the Walkerton goalie mid-way through the first period. But the Storm could not muster a scoring attack as the fast-skating, puck-moving aggressive Capital team shut us down.

On Saturday afternoon, the Storm squad took on the Clearview Ice Cats in a battle for a pre-playoff challenge. The puck seemed to have eyes as it found its way into our net three times. The Ice Cats poked away and stuffed the puck through a maze of players each time. Frustrated and tired, the Storm girls battled to the buzzer trying to sneak one past the Clearview tender. To no avail, the Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm girls gave it all they had in their determined yet unsuccessful efforts.

The girls hadn't had a practice in three weeks and it showed. It will be a different story Saturday night (Nov. 24) as we host the Wolves from Whitby at 7:30 p.m. in Minden.

Contact Sheana Allore at Minden Car Quest if interested in our "All-you-can-eat" spaghetti fundraiser at That Place in Carnarvon on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 16 and kids under five eat free.

Athletes to watch

For the love of skating

By Warren Riley

The desire to acquire a skill is a trait most young kids wish for these days. The only impediment is desire.

For 13-year-old Vivian Collings of Minden, that desire became apparent at an early age. She wanted to figure skate.

"I started skating when I was five years old," Collings said. "I like the idea that all my friends are here [skating with me] and I really like to skate because it's fun. I feel I'm pretty good at it and learning new things. I like the coaches and I like that they push you to go further and not let you stay at one level."

When asked what event stood out in her mind, she said it was "the 'Inter-Club' last year because our club came in second and we missed first [place] by just one point. We have a really big club so there are a lot of people in it and we are getting really good."

Over the past eight years, Collings has spent many hours improving her skating skills but has set her mind on entering the school system upon graduating.

"I think I want to be a teacher because I really like little kids and helping them."

Augmenting her desire of becoming a teacher, Collings helps young skaters in the club.

"Sometimes I help the younger ones. In



Photo by Warren Riley

the beginning they can't skate very well so we have to hold them up sometimes. When they skate a little bit better on their own, we help them and teach them new things."

Collings practices different routines of which some are being judged.

She is a determined skater and is excited about upcoming competitions. Her dedication and resolve are the tools that will see her through to perfecting the skating skills she needs. Dexterity and energy are apparent in her love for the art of figure skating.

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Highlander travel

Cruising the Danube through eastern Europe

The word 'travel' means something different to each of us – new experiences, adventure, relaxation, education, romance, family celebrations, sports, plus many other experiences.

I want to share one of my unique experiences with you. I have just returned from an amazing 19-day river cruise on the Danube River, visiting Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Austria, Germany and Prague in the Czech Republic. What a wonderful trip through history, culture and politics.

Why a river cruise? Here is what I have learned.

The focus is on the destinations, not the ship, its entertainment or on-board facilities. If you are looking for casinos, Vegas reviews, multiple dining venues and climbing walls this is not for you.

River cruising is casual and intimate. Most ships hold 130 to 200 passengers. There are no formal nights and you get to know most of the people you cruise with. It is almost all-inclusive as the price covers your transfers, accommodation, daily shore excursions, meals, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner. The only thing we paid extra for was our bar bill, a few optional excursions and gratuities. Some river cruises even cover those.

All the staterooms have a river view and there is no problem with motion sickness as the rivers are too narrow for any swells or high waves to develop. You are always in site of land on both sides of the ship. It is a wonderful, leisurely way to see the heart of Europe as the rivers were the original roads

there. You only unpack once no matter how many countries you see. I now have been on seven river cruises. Here is the latest.

Week one: eastern Europe, from Bucharest to Budapest

Our first two nights started in Bucharest, Romania – a former communist country. Their influence is very much in evidence with the large parade squares, monuments and government buildings. The city is an interesting combination of modern buildings next to old deserted offices and homes. Our hotel was right downtown in a great location. We wanted to explore and felt safe enough to walk to a nearby market.

What an interesting experience. They sold everything from fur coats to wine and beer, even a suckling pig on a spit. We dared to eat some of the dishes we couldn't even pronounce and they were delicious.

The next day we moved to the Avalon Tranquility River Cruise ship – our home for the next two weeks. I loved the idea of only having to unpack once. There was always a port talk the night before we docked to review the next day's destination and activities.

Our first excursion was to Varna Bulgaria on the Black Sea. It is a resort town complete with casinos and a museum with a display of the oldest gold artifacts ever found – from 4,000 BC. Hard to believe this was created so long ago.

Travelling the Danube from East to West took us through the Iron Gates. It is the narrowest part of the Danube with

interesting cliff carvings. It forms a natural border between Serbia and Romania.

The next experience was Belgrade, Serbia. This is a modern city that still shows bombed out buildings from the NATO air strikes during the Kosovo war in 1999. What is left of these buildings is still standing. Parts of them are still in use. It seems so strange to see this destruction in the middle of a modern city and know it happened not so long ago. The smaller town and cities we visited had lots of old-world character with beautiful churches and remnants of forts and castles. The center always had a large square with all the important government buildings surrounding it. My husband was quick to point out ABC (another beautiful church).

We arrived in Hungary visiting two small cities, Pecs & Kalocsa. Again, a very charming old-world atmosphere. Kalocsa is the paprika capital so naturally I bought some to bring home. Items are very inexpensive in these former-communist countries. We only had a day in Budapest and that was my only regret. This is a beautiful city that deserves a much longer stay. It has two parts – Buda and Pest – each flanking the river. Beautiful buildings, great shopping, wonderful restaurants and ABC! I would suggest at least three nights so that you had two full days to experience the city.

The lady traveller



By Carolyn Pawson

Up until this point there was not a lot to see along the shores of the Danube. We had to be bussed to the cities we visited. From Budapest onward to Nuremberg this changed and the scenery got more interesting.

I will share our experiences on this second week in my next column.

Who is the Lady Traveller? My name is Carolyn Pawson. I have been a cottager and part-time resident on Boshkung Lake for over 40 years but now I am a full-time resident. Fortunately for me my working life involved various parts of the travel industry so I have travelled extensively for both business and pleasure. I want to tell you about my travels in a way that will entertain you as well as help if you are considering that particular destination or type of trip. I invite your comments and questions as experiences shared are always more enjoyable. Contact me at ladytraveller@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

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Junior highlanders



Photo by Christy Burton

Haliburton's 16-year-old Ryan Van Lieshout waits eagerly to put out fires.

Haliburton youth sees career in flames

By Christy Burton

Some people actually want their dreams to go up in smoke. Sixteen-year-old Ryan Van Lieshout is perhaps Haliburton's best example.

The Grade 11 student is currently shadowing members of the Dysart et al Fire Department, eagerly waiting for his chance to tackle flames. He recently had the opportunity to help attend a controlled burn at the new wood pellet plant on Kennaway Road.

The site of a former saw mill, Direct Pellet was saddled with a large quantity of rotting waste wood that was unacceptable to use in the company's premium quality hardwood pellets. Fire Chief Miles Maughan saw a burn as an excellent opportunity to train volunteers in the art of fire control, and on the night of Nov. 19, it all went to flames. Van Lieshout was there.

There are a number of reasons why the part time musician wants to be a 'fire eater.' His Dad was a firefighter in Haliburton for 14 years. He knows it's a noble profession. The youth likes helping people, and he says he loves the camaraderie.

"I like the guys on the crew," he says. "Everyone's like family. We all take care of each other."

Van Lieshout also admits he likes the adrenaline rush.

When asked if he is motivated by the chance to save lives, the youth nods excitedly.

"We all do. I would love that too."

During the Kennaway burn, a call comes in. It's an MVC (motor vehicle collision) on the lakeshore. It's a reminder that firefighters do a lot more than spray water onto flames.

Some of the crew spring into action, removing a number of trucks from the burn site next to a pond at the expansive Direct Pellet property. Van Lieshout remains with others to watch the mountain of multicoloured flames sending plumes of smoke and sparks into the night sky.

Maughan has been with the Haliburton Fire Department for 35 years. He has been Chief for 21 of those years. He says proudly that his firefighters spend many hours training, and shadowing is a good and safe way for eager hopefuls to learn the art from a safe distance.

As for Van Lieshout, he can't wait.

"As soon as I turn 18, I'm applying," he says as 20-foot flames light up his face.

Volunteer Greg Phippen laughs.

"He's eager," he says. "[He's] not allowed in the danger zone, but when he's old enough, he'll be ahead of the game."

Teachers' strike impacting students

By Jessica Misio

The teachers' ongoing strike action at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) has started to affect some of the students there.

Ontario teachers feel like their rights were cast aside by the province earlier this year. When Bill 115 came into effect, imposing contract provisions and a two-year wage freeze. But what do the students think?

"It's cool that there is a strike," says an anonymous Grade 12 student. "[They don't seem] as common anymore. I'm glad they're standing up for themselves."

The teachers are saying they deserve the same bargaining rights as any other group. They aren't asking for anything out of the ordinary, just a fair paycheck, sick days, a retirement plan and to have a say when it comes to their rights as teachers.

Most students seem to agree with student Ben McGill-Rivleau.

"I don't really care," he says. "[As long as] I'm getting taught, I'm fine."

However, there are some students irritated with this turn of

events.

"It's frustrating," claims Holly Broderick, a student at HHSS. "Before you could work at the library or play in the gym, but now you have to walk the four hallways of the school."

Luckily, all the teenage angst is being used for walking and not the mistreatment of the school. There is "not any more troublemaking than usual, still the same situations that are dealt with on a regular basis," says Mr. Marsden, principal of HHSS.

It seems as if the students are proving the teachers' normal posts to be unnecessary precautions, considering they aren't turning into savages yet. Although, having some of the lunchtime extras removed can be frustrating.

"It angers me because there is less to do at lunch," says Michaela Gordon.

It seems as if most of the students' everyday lives are mostly unchanged by the strike. The general consensus of the students who were asked seems to agree with student Emily Sheffel.

"I'm glad the teachers are standing up for themselves because the government is basically messing with them."

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Mouse shoulder

As you all probably know I'm not a big fan of Windows 8. There are too many things to list here that I don't enjoy about it and I'm only given a 500-word limit. But PC reviewers are starting to warm up to it and I've heard people say it's actually a great operating system. In fact my friend said to me "You would probably like it more if you had a touch screen."

"Would I?" I wondered.

I should remind people that both touch-screen laptops and touch-screen PCs have come and gone in this marketplace. Sure, they were somewhat different, but the reasons for the disappearance are the same.

HP had a touch-screen machine during the DOS era. It failed miserably in the market. One of the first laptop inventions in 1982 was the Gavilan computer with a touch panel called the "solid state mouse," which required users to hold their arm in the air and move things around much like with a touch pad. This motion was annoying and helped scuttle the machine.

So, with my own unanswered question still in my head,

I decided to try an experiment. I went home and sat down in front of my computer screen and pretended it was a touch screen. I reached out every 15-30 seconds and made like I was running an application, like surfing the internet or reading e-mail.

After 15 minutes of doing this I realized my shoulder was getting sore. I found out this was the beginning of "mouse shoulder," a form of tendonitis. It's an incredibly miserable ailment that can take six months to a year to resolve itself, during which you can barely move the shoulder. Using any touch system that is not on the lap or flat on the desk invites "mouse shoulder."

This is what's going to happen with these touch screens – not the touch screen on the phone or tablet – but with desktop touch screens and some notebook touch screens. I predict there will be a huge increase in the number of tendonitis claims and the companies, possibly including Microsoft, will find themselves in a legal tangle because of it.

The Computer Guy



By David Spaxman

Carpal tunnel syndrome almost destroyed the computer business already. It was caused from pounding on improperly designed keyboards. There were a lot of lawsuits and people were in agony. Finally people learned new habits.

This new touch screen phenomenon can result in the same mess. Suspending your arms in mid-air to poke at the screen is like some Gitmo torture technique.

Print this article out and keep it for reference. It will take about eight months before touch screens for the desktop begin to make their appearance, so this problem will emerge in about 18 months to two years, unless the public rejects the devices as they should.

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WANTED

RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS WANTED – Quite, mature, responsible professional seeking year-round accommodation in Haliburton County effective May 1, 2013. Preferably on or near water but not a necessity. Furnished/unfurnished or partly furnished. Non-smoker. No pets. Respectful of nature

WANTED

and the property of others. Call 705-286-4294 or 416-994-0532.

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FOR SALE

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EVENTS

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS – call Alcoholics Anonymous – we care. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) – every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital. (TFN)

LOST AND FOUND

KIT IS LOST! Friday, Sep. 14, treasured family pet, 9-year old Manx cat, predominantly white with grey and black patches, short bob tail. Lost at Haliburton Veterinary Clinic on Peninsula Drive. Reward – Call 705-447-2266. (TFN)

LOST – BLACK CAT, lost on the night of Thursday, Sep 6 at Hunter Creek Estates (could have travelled). Very friendly, answers to Slater. He is on a special urinary diet. Please call Sonya at 705-286-6379, reward offered. (TFN)

LOST GOLD WEDDING BAND with anchor, dollar sign, 18k and crown insignia on the inside. Reward for return. (TFN)

LOST AND FOUND

iPOD FOUND in Haliburton Village. Call 705-457-9950. (NOV29)

BIRTHS



Adrian James Michael Guild

Born November 20th at 9:41 pm
Weight: 6.15 lbs
Height: 20.5"

Proud parents
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BIRTHDAYS



Hi Ho Hi Ho It's over the hill Steven goes.

Have a great 50th birthday and many more birthdays to come.

From your loving wife, Carla

OBITUARIES



Kathleen 'Babe' Janveaux

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday morning, November 14, 2012 in her 71st year. Beloved wife of Bob Long and the late Leonard Janveaux (1996). Loving mother of Laurie (Bill Dulyk) of Oshawa, Michael (Lisa) of Cameron, David (Leslie Johnson) of Oshawa, Tracy (Jay Salvator) of Haliburton, Lisa of Sudbury, Suzanne of Haliburton & Steven of Maple Lake. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Christina, Gregory, Craig, Danya, Joseph, David, Keith, Kriszen, Kurtis, Danielle, Nicole and by her great grandchildren Xavier, Larken, Summer, Leah. Dear sister of Charlie, Barbara and Heather. Predeceased by her brothers Bruce, Jack and Bob.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, November 22, 2012 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Private family interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton 4 Ca or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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Edward 'Ted' Hellewell

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, November 16, 2012 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Rachel Hellewell (nee Winters) for nearly 60 years. Loving father of Patricia (Brian Barker), Deborah (John Peever), William (Gail), Catharine, Teresa, Barbara and Janice. Lovingly remembered by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother of Frank, Jake and Carolanne. Predeceased by his son Ted. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Ted worked with Chrysler for many years. He was a very diligent worker and raised seven beautiful children with his wife.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, November 22, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Friday morning, November 23, 2012 at 10 o'clock. Father Patrick Dobec officiating. Interment later at Glendale Gardens, Toronto. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton County Historical Society meeting – Zion United Church, 1:30 p.m. 22	Haliburton Santa Claus Parade – Highland Street, Haliburton, 8:30 p.m. Winter warm-up – Haliburton Legion, directly after the parade. 23	Christmas Bake Sale – Minden Lions Hall, 1 p.m. Minden Santa Claus Parade – Main Street, Minden, 11:30 a.m. 24	 25
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Contract Bridge – (every Monday) Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 26	A Writer's Christmas, 8th Edition The Popcornmill, starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 upon arrival. RSVP to kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca or call 705-208-6635. 27	Community Drum Circle – (every Wednesday) Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 28	Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Haliburton Legion, 1 p.m. 29
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage – (every Friday) – Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941. Christmas Luncheon – Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden @ 11 a.m. Adults \$5.00, preschoolers free. 30	 1	Country Music Jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2	Contract Bridge – (every Monday) – Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 3
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
100.9 CanoeFM Bingo – (every Tuesday) @ 6 p.m., 705-457-1009 Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) – Community Care @ 9:00 a.m., 705-457-2941 4	Community Drum Circle – (every Wednesday) – Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 5	A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at one of 80 locations! 6	Cribbage – (every Friday) – Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 Mini-Buck Euchre – Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center, 7:00 p.m. 7

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m.

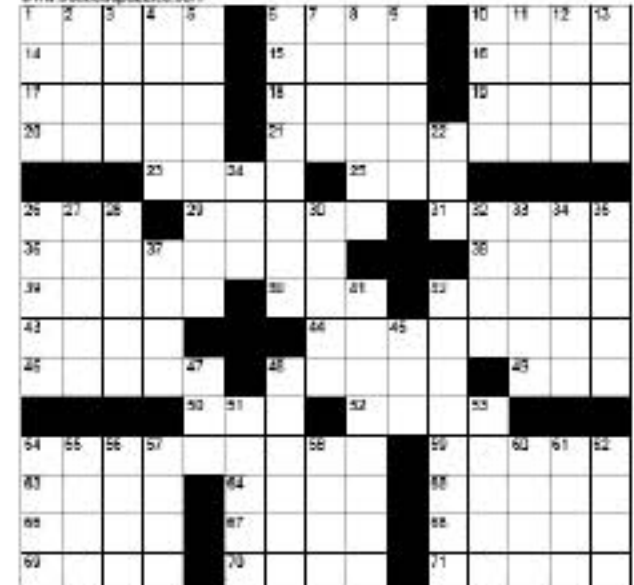
Minden Branch (705-286-4541)
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m.
Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime
Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Radio Club, every Friday, 10 a.m.
Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m.
NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12 p.m.
Crey Cup on the Big Screen, Nov. 25 (food available) from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Jam Session, every Friday, 7 p.m.
Meat Draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Darts, every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Pancake and sausage breakfast, Sunday

from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
The Annual Wildlife Dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tickets are available at the Legion now.
Please consider purchasing your tickets early as this is a well-attended event and you will want to ensure to have a place at the table.
As always there will be a variety of wildlife for you to sample as well as turkey for those inclined to be on the "Wild Side".
Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

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1. Beach (D-Day site)
6. Pillow cover
10. Trail
14. Desert stops
15. "Wish You _____ Here"
16. Southern veggie
17. Skirt fold
18. Diva's song
19. Properly right
20. Gape
21. Put off
23. Liquid measure
25. Compass pt.
26. Driveway sealer
29. Atlantic or Indian
31. Wrong
36. Drew out
38. Ohio lake
39. Recorded

ACROSS

40. Wee one
42. Kind of drum
43. At that time
44. Sent another way
46. Swiftness
48. Singing voice
49. Printing measures
50. Purpose
52. Bambi, e.g.
54. Floor connector
59. Armstrong and Diamond
63. German title
64. Copycat
65. Bert's buddy
68. Butler alternative
69. European capital
68. Lucifer
69. Strategy
70. Move slightly
71. Nasal sound

DOWN

1. Klutz's cry
2. Beer grain
3. Cruising
4. Listened to
5. Small celestial body
6. Flood market (2 wds.)
7. Submarine sandwich
8. Out of bed
9. Vegetarians' taboos
10. Horseback sport
11. Related
12. Birch or spruce
13. Lord a _____
22. Pod inhabitant
24. Play division
26. First extra inning
27. Luau greeting
28. Ceremonies
30. Love greedily
32. List of choices

DOWN

33. Furious
34. Warning alarm
35. Future flowers
37. Copper coin
41. Less chewy
42. Pain
45. Caviar base
47. Spain's cont.
48. Oolong server
51. Injury marks
53. Televised again
54. Store
55. Inform
56. Location
57. Wrinkle remover
58. Teamster's rig
60. Absorbed by
61. Untruthful one
62. Exported

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Community radio station continues to prosper

By Mark Arke

Despite a challenging year for sales, it's been a busy and productive one for Canoe FM, Haliburton County's not-for-profit, volunteer-run radio station.

"We accumulated approximately \$35,000 (net) from our fundraising efforts, resulting mainly from our Radiothon, golf canoe draw and country hoedown," said station president Paul Cameron at the annual general meeting (AGM) held on Nov. 15 at the Haliburton United Church.

These funds have helped to pay employees (there are three of them), purchase equipment and allow for building renovations, among other expenses.

"It should be noted that a sizeable amount of these funds raised over the past few years have been set aside for our new broadcast playlist system, which recently arrived and is in the process of being installed," said Cameron. "This new technology will serve to attain a more user-friendly and efficient environment for all concerned."

In June, the station hosted a strategic planning session with its volunteers and members of the community. In July, a listener survey was conducted.

"We were very pleased with the results," said Cameron. "Sixty-nine per cent of those people surveyed said they listen to Canoe FM. ... This percentage marked an increase of five per cent over the previous survey conducted in 2010."

One of the highlights of the year also came in July with the launch of radio bingo.

"The number of weekly players is increasing as we go. As a result, the board has voted in favour of renewing our bingo license in December for another six months."

Recently, the station received a \$16,800 grant from the Community Radio Fund of Canada. The money will go toward a volunteer management program. They also obtained a \$4,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for an upgraded, remote access



Photo by Mark Arke

Canoe FM station coordinator Roxanne Casey gives praise to the volunteers as she reflects on the past year.

broadcast system.

Going forward, the station won't be resting on its laurels, said Cameron.

"We are not-for-profit radio, therefore ongoing fundraising is imperative."

Station coordinator Roxanne Casey praised the 90 volunteers who have given Canoe FM over 13,000 hours of their time in the past year.

"A lot of times, I'm so busy that I don't get to recognize everybody," said Casey.

"Each and every one of you do so much for the station. I use the word pride because I'm very proud to be a part of this station."

"It's really wonderful that people can get involved in a community radio station and learn," said Casey. "Sometimes some of you take that learning and get a job in broadcasting."

Casey gave an example of how a former volunteer went to study broadcasting in college.

"She came in to thank us because she said she would never ever have thought of broadcasting as a career."

The listeners are also vital to the station's continued success, she said.

"If we didn't have listeners, we wouldn't even be here..."

The listeners invite us in to their homes. It's a privilege for us to be invited in to so many homes."

The night included an emotional presentation to Cameron, who announced he would not be seeking the presidency for the upcoming year. Board member Scotty Morrison surprised Cameron with an NHL induction plaque and customized Leaf's jersey with his name and 100.9 on the back.

"I'm shocked and I am stunned," he said after putting on the jersey.

"I thank all the volunteers, employees and the board of directors. It is the best station. There's no doubt about it."

Prior to the presentation, an election was held to determine who would be on the board for the 2012-13 year. As a result, the board is comprised of the same directors who served in 2011-12. They are: Paul Cameron, Malcolm MacLean, Betty Moffatt, Case Bassie, Jay Bomberry, Lynda Hahn, Scotty Morrison, Judy Neimann, Brad Sales and Barry Wilhelm.

Get a great holiday gift

By Mark Arke

They're perfect for the tree or anywhere else they can be hung.

For just \$2 you can buy one of these handmade Christmas ornaments, which are now being sold to fundraise for the Haliburton hospital.

"They're cut out by volunteers and then they're all sanded, painted and decorated," said Judy Skinner, past president of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. "They start in January and get together every Monday. They usually finish at the end of April."

Each year since 1998, members of the auxiliary have been producing and selling the wooden ornaments. A minimum of 1,000 ornaments are produced annually. This year's ornament is a Christmas wreath.

Skinner called the volunteers "a really dedicated bunch." The initiative is also a great way of getting the auxiliary out in the public eye, she said.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to assist the hospital with volunteer services and to raise funds for the purchase of vital medical equipment needed to provide excellent patient care.

The ornaments are being sold by



Photo by Mark Arke

This year's handmade ornament is a Christmas wreath.

auxiliary volunteers outside of Haliburton's Stedmans V&S department store every Thursday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Razzamataz Kids Shows!

Sunday, November 25th, 2012

Northern Lights Theatre

2:00 PM

Peter Pan

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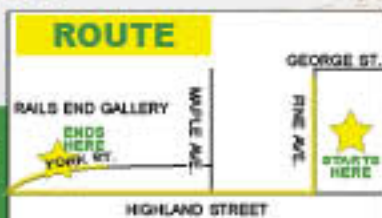
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Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Barb Schofield provided stuffed animals to those who donated to the Cottage Country Cat Animal Rescue program. Right: Ev Stata, right, makes a purchase from Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary volunteers Bob and Donna McKay.



Ladies Auxiliary hosts Snowflake Bazaar

By Mark Arike

Shoppers had a lot to choose from at this year's Snowflake Bazaar, hosted by the Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary.

Clothing, jewellery, baked goods and a variety of other items were available at the Nov. 17 event held at the Haliburton

Legion. The fundraiser featured 28 vendors, including members of the auxiliary.

Each year the event raises approximately \$1,000, with proceeds going to the Haliburton branch and community initiatives.

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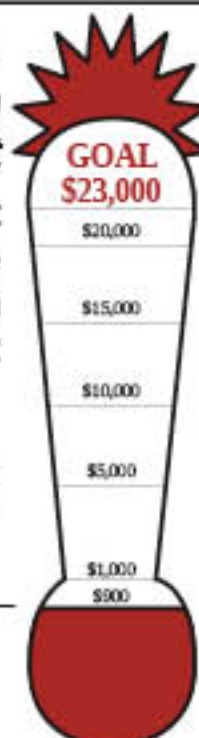
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Photos by Heather Kennedy
Above: Home Hardware employee Sherry Stromberg (left), Debbie Austen, Sandra Legge and Sharlene Austen reconnect at Ladies Night. Above right: Kelly Harpley serving up some tasty punch. Right: Sylvia Holland, left, owner of Wind in the Willows Day Spa, and Ann Bennett were offering Shellac nail demos.



Women take over hardware store

By Heather Kennedy

'Tis the Christmas season and the Ladies were shopping'.

On Nov. 16, if you weren't at Ladies Night at Minden Home Hardware you missed out. This event wasn't meant for all the men out there. This one's purely for the ladies. Jodi Patterson, owner of Minden Home Hardware, said it's an annual event, fourth year running and the turn outs have been pretty good.

This year they decided to do something a little different. Instead of a fashion show (it

was too hard to find willing male talent) they opted to do a silent auction.

This wasn't any old silent auction. Many of the items up for grabs were hand-made in the store, and come with instructions on how to make the item and how much it would cost for you to buy the materials in the store. On top of a silent auction, throughout the whole store there were also snacks, punch and Spa care.

The event raised \$550 for the local YWCA. It was ladies helping ladies.

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